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PROMOTION OF HINDI IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of delegations visited abroad during the last three years for promotion of Rajbhasa Hindi in foreign countries along with success achieved as a result thereof; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on such visits?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) With a view to promote Hindi abroad the Ministry organises Regional Hindi Conferences in different countries. These conferences are attended by Hindi scholars, teachers, students from the countries within the region concerned and Hindi experts are sent from India as part of official delegation. These conferences have been greatly welcomed by foreign scholars and students of Hindi as these have helped in addressing the problems faced by them in teaching Hindi and in exchange of information on developments taking place in the field of Hindi language and literature. These conferences have also helped in familiarising foreign Hindi scholars with latest technology in the field of Hindi. As such, this initiative of the Ministry has proved to be very useful. Details of the delegations from India that participated in the Hindi conferences and other events aimed at promotion of Hindi abroad in the last three years are as follows:

S.No.	Hindi Conferences/events (with country and dates)	No. of official delegates
	2005-06	
1.	Regional Hindi Conference Sydney (Australia) 4-5 February 2006	2
2.	Regional Hindi Conference Abu Dhabi (UAE) 22-24 February 2006	1
	2006-07	
3.	Regional Hindi Conference Tokyo (Japan) 28-30 July 2006	6
4.	Regional Hindi Conference Moscow (Russia) 27-29 March 2007	5
	2007-08	
5.	Media launch for 8th World Hindi Conference, New York 21-23 April 2007	2
6.	8th World Hindi Conference , New York 13-15 July 2007	97
7	Regional Hindi Conference Budapest (Hungary) 24-26 October 2007	8

8. Regional Hindi Conference
Seoul (Republic of Korea)
9-11 November 2007 3

9. Seminar and talks on Hindi organised by
World Hindi Secretariat in Mauritius
23-30 March 2008 1

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.